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the Town of Island Falls, Maine for the Municipal Year Ending
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of the
Selectmen, Treasurer,
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Town of Island Falls

For the Municipal Year ending March, 1915

The Island Falls Printery, Printer

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Spring Season, 1915
Advance Notice

Suits, Dresses, Coats,
Skirts
and Millinery

Quality Commands Trade

We do not Hesitate to Declare
that Our Selection of Garments this
Season Surpasses anything
yet Attempted

We could say much more
Let us show you

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Millinocket and Island Falls

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1. The first part of the paper is devoted to the study of the

properties of the function $f(x)$ defined by the equation

$$f(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt, \quad (1)$$

where x is a real number.

It is well known that the function $f(x)$ is increasing and concave

downwards on the interval $(-\infty, \infty)$.

Moreover, it is easy to see that the function $f(x)$ satisfies the

relation $f(x) = \arctan x$ for all real x .

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF ISLAND FALLS**

For the Year Ending March, 1915.

Selectmen

SETH T. CAMPBELL JOHN E. WEBB
HAROLD C. HILLMAN

Clerk

GEO. H. DONHAM

Treasurer

B. C. WALKER

Collector of Taxes

JOS. H. LURVEY

School Committee

S. R. CRABTREE C. E. MILLIKEN
S. C. SPRATT

Superintendent of Schools

G. C. HIGHT

Constables

GEO. H. DONHAM, JR. A. W. ELSEMORE
JOS. H. LURVEY

Truant Officer

GEO. H. DONHAM, JR.

Auditor

S. R. CRABTREE

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Valuation of real estate, resident,	\$269,361.00
Valuation of real estate, non-resident,	90,519.00
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Total value of real estate,	\$359,880.00
Valuation of personal estate, resident,	\$76,170.00
Valuation of personal estate, non-resident,	13,966.00
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Total valuation of personal estate,	\$90,136.00
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Grand total,	\$450,016.00

The personal property was made up as follows:

LIVESTOCK.

	No.	Ave. Val.	
Horses,	194	\$100.00	\$19,820.00
Colts, 3 to 4,	12	93.00	1,220.00
Colts, 2 to 3,	12	76.00	915.00
Colts, 1 to 2,	12	63.00	755.00
Cows,	137	35.00	4,925.00
3-year-olds,	7	36.00	255.00
2-year-olds,	22	23.00	520.00
1-year-olds,	36	13.00	466.00
Sheep,	208	3.00	624.00
Swine,	28	13.00	391.00
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Total live stock,			\$29,891.00

Other personal property :

Trust Company stock, 24 shares,	\$ 3,000.00
Stock in trade,	35,045.00
Small boats, 12,	940.00
Logs and lumber,	1,400.00
Bark,	1,200.00
Carriages, 23,	740.00
Automobiles, 12,	4,950.00
Musical instruments, 38,	2,840.00
Last blocks and lig haulers,	10,130.00
	—————\$60,245.00
Total amount of personal property,	\$90,136.00

Number of polls taxed, 483.

Number of polls not taxed, 5.

Rate of taxation, \$.0375.

Tax on polls, \$3.00.

The following amounts have been assessed upon the polls and estates of residents of Island Falls and upon the estates of non-resident owners, real and personal; lists of the same were committed to J. H. Lurvey, collector of taxes of said town, with a warrant for collecting the same and paying it to the treasurer, one-half upon or before the first day of December and the balance on or before the first day of March, 1915.

For support of the poor,	\$ 700.00
Repairs of roads and bridges,	900.00
Town debt,	850.00
Interest on town debt,	650.00
Fire department,	50.00
Hydrant rental,	1,650.00
Town expenses,	1,100.00
Care of town building,	25.00
Cemetery,	100.00
State road,	533.00
Street lighting,	500.00
Common schools,	1,900.00
Free high school,	1,800.00
Insurance, apparatus and supplies,	400.00
Text books,	400.00
Repairs on school houses,	100.00
Painting school houses,	125.00
Abatements and discounts,	700.00
Overdrafts,	3,000.00
State tax,	2,035.56
County tax,	518.89
Overlay,	258.96
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Total,	\$18,296.41

TOWN EXPENSES.

Dr.

To amount raised by vote of town,	\$1,100.00
Circus license,	10.00
Bliss & McMann, pool license,	10.00
A. Agoazian, pool license,	5.00
Overdraft account,	498.12

CR.

By Overdraft,	\$ 498.12
By G. C. Hight, salary,	215.84
G. C. Hight, expenses,	51.95
A. R. Sanborn, town reports,	50.00
A. R. Sanborn, tax bills,	3.50
A. R. Sanborn, ballot clerk,	4.00
S. R. Crabtree, auditor,	7.00
M. A. Peters, board of health,	6.30
H. C. Hillman, expense to Bangor,	8.95
H. C. Hillman, selectman,	110.00
F. W. Mitchell, report of births and deaths,	25.00
Robert Gillis, town dump,	5.25
F. F. Bigelow, board of health,	11.00
F. F. Bigelow, births and deaths,	12.25
C. L. Pettengill & Son, hall, town meeting,	5.00
Waldo Sherman, ballot clerk,	4.00
Clarence Thorn, town dump,	5.25
Seth T. Campbell, selectman,	200.00
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies,	14.55
Adams Perry, making signs,	3.00
Island Falls Grange Store, auto signs,	.28
A. W. Elsemore, police duty,	2.50
Roach Bros., boards for signs,	1.60
R. A. Daggett, sheep killed by dogs,	40.50
Hillman & Springer, repairs,	12.45
S. B. Perry, land damage for Gower,	25.00
A. B. Drew, land damage for Gower,	25.00
G. A. Schneider, board of health,	15.00
G. A. Schneider, births and deaths,	10.75
C. M. Berry, repairs, town pump,	2.50
C. M. Berry, balance on plumbing job,	50.00

Geo. H. Donham, Jr., truant officer,	36.00
Geo. H. Donham, town clerk,	18.00
Geo. H. Donham, births and deaths,	29.50
J. H. Lurvey, collecting dog tax,	5.00
J. H. Lurvey, police duty,	2.00
John Webb, selectman,	125.00
B. C. Walker, treasurer,	75.00
John Webb, chief fire department,	25.00
Seth T. Campbell, liquor cases,	25.00
J. P. Bass, Publishing Co., printing,	13.00
Overdraft,	156.92
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	\$1,780.04 \$1,780.04

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Dr.

To amount unexpended,	\$68.21
Amount raised by vote of town,	50.00

Cr.

By paid Maurice Sprague,	\$ 1.25
Gordon Currie,	1.50
Robert Gillis,	1.00
Clyde Trafton,	1.00
Fred Alexander,	3.40
Amount unexpended,	110.06
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	\$118.21 \$118.21

TOWN BUILDING.

DR.

To amount unexpended,	\$.92
Amount raised by vote of town,	25.00

CR.

By paid W. W. Robinson, wood,	\$ 4.50
Dick Howard, wood,	6.75
Fred Alexander,	1.65
Roach Brothers,	1.12
Amount unexpended,	11.90
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	\$25.92 \$25.92

MEMORIAL DAY.

DR.

To amount unexpended,	\$20.10
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CR.

By paid S. R. Crabtree,	\$20.10
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	\$20.10 \$20.10

HYDRANT RENTALS.

Dr.

To amount raised by vote of town,	\$1,650.00
Overdraft account,	8.36

Cr.

By overdraft,	\$ 8.36
Paid Island Falls Water Co.,	1,650.00
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	\$1,658.36
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	\$1,658.36

TOWN DEBT.

Dr.

To amount raised by vote of town,	\$850.00
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Cr.

By paid school house bond, No. 4,	\$850.00
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	\$850.00
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	\$850.00

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Dr.

To amount raised by vote of town,	\$500.00
Amount unexpended,	8.00

CR.

By paid Emerson Lumber Co.,	\$500.00	
Carried to overdraft account,	8.00	
	<u>\$508.00</u>	<u>\$508.00</u>

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

DR.

To amount unexpended,	\$299.67
Amount raised by vote of town,	700.00

CR.

By F. W. Mitchell,	\$ 75.00	
F. F. Bigelow (Gray),	15.00	
J. D. Clifford, balance 1914 contract,	114.62	
J. D. Clifford, acct. J. E. Webb contract,	17.63	
Island Falls Clothing Co. (Bushey),	2.00	
Walker-Emerson Co. (Roberts),	12.90	
Walker-Emerson Co. (Armour),	.95	
Northern Maine Hospital (Mrs. Pelletier),	50.00	
Town of Houlton (Anthony Dems),	24.00	
Town of Houlton (Armstrong),	122.00	
Geo. F. Thorn Co. (Bushey),	7.70	
Geo. H. Donham (mileage, Pelletier),	5.93	
John E. Webb,	504.49	
Amount unexpended,	47.45	
	<u>\$999.67</u>	<u>\$999.67</u>

CEMETERY.

DR.

To amount unexpended,	\$ 24.35
Amount raised by vote of town,	100.00
Amount received for hay,	5.00

CR.

By paid S. C. Spratt,	\$12.30	
Jas. Black, Jr.,	3.75	
David Brown,	53.00	
J. J. Michaud, Catholic Cemetery,	50.00	
David Flinn,	4.37	
Ben Gerow,	3.50	
Walker-Emerson Co.,	1.00	
Harry Higgins,	.75	
Amount unexpended,	.68	
	<hr/> \$129.35	<hr/> \$129.35

ABATEMENTS AND DISCOUNTS.

DR.

To amount raised by vote of town,	\$700.00
Overdraft account,	744.09

CR.

By Overdraft,	\$744.09	
J. H. Lurvey, abatements,	120.00	
Discount on \$7,917.89 taxes paid to July 1,	395.89	
Island Falls Water Co.,	375.00	
F. W. Hunt & Co.,	105.13	
To overdraft,	296.02	
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	\$1,740.11	\$1,740.11

INTEREST.

DR.

To amount raised by vote of town,	\$650.00
Overdraft account,	121.28

CR.

By overdraft,	\$121.28	
By paid interest on school house bonds,	297.50	
Town building bonds,	100.00	
School fund,	144.00	
Town orders,	6.00	
Temporary loan,	10.00	
Amount unexpended,	92.50	
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	\$771.28	\$771.28

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

DR.

To amount raised by vote of town,	\$900.00
Received from Mattawamkeag Lbr. Co.,	250.00
Overdraft account,	316.90

CR.

By overdraft,	\$316.90
W. P. Gellerson,	40.00
J. J. Michaud,	200.50
Geo. Walker,	23.00
Denis Michaud,	2.00
John Michaud,	2.00
Cyril Willett,	2.00
Jas. McNally,	1.25
Ed. Tozier,	2.00
George Dow,	5.00
John Fisher,	27.12
H. C. Hillman,	107.25
Austin Caird,	7.00
Gus Socia,	8.75
Flye and McCue,	89.56
John McLeod,	21.50
B. & A. R. R.,	12.75
Eldridge & York,	11.25
Island Falls Grange Store,	1.40
Don Hillman,	1.75
Wm. Wilkins,	6.00
David Flinn,	58.60

Ben Gerow,	14.87
S. B. Perry,	6.00
United Construction Co., road drag,	35.00
C. M. Conant Co.,	9.10
Geo. Bradley,	10.00
Ernest Garrison,	2.62
Walker-Emerson Co.,	3.84
Dan Carr,	1.31
F. S. Alexander,	1.45
Jos. Page,	.87
Fred Libby,	1.25
Chas. Gerry,	.87
Guy MacKenzie,	4.40
Fred Sewall,	2.00
C. L. Pettengill & Son,	8.00
W. W. Sewall,	4.50
Northeast Metal Culvert Co.,	177.25
Amount unexpended,	235.99

	<u>\$1,466.90</u>	<u>\$1,466.90</u>
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J. H. LURVEY.

DR.

To cash,	\$725.00
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CR.

By services as janitor,	\$328.75
Collecting taxes,	396.25

<u>\$725.00</u>	<u>\$725.00</u>
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OVERDRAFTS ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To amount raised by vote of town,	\$3,000.00
Electric light account balance,	8.00
Overdraft,	66.06

Cr.

By hydrant rentals,	\$ 8.36
Abatements,	744.09
Common schools,	833.63
Free high school,	74.22
Insurance,	183.81
Interest,	121.28
Roads and bridges,	316.90
State road,	187.32
Town expenses,	498.12
Text books,	106.33
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	\$3,074.06 \$3,074.06

STATE ROAD.

Dr.

To amount raised by vote of town,	\$533.00
Overdraft account,	187.32
Amount received from state,	20.18

CR.

By paid state treasurer,	\$533.00	
Berry Bros.,	1.65	
Mattawamkeag Lumber Co.,	70.50	
Overdraft,	187.32	
Overdraft,	51.97	
	<u>\$792.47</u>	<u>\$792.47</u>

STATE AID MAINTENANCE.

DR.

To received from state,	\$1.16
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CR.

By Mattawamkeag Lumber Co.,	\$1.80	
Overdraft,	.64	
	<u>\$1.80</u>	<u>\$1.80</u>

LIST OF TAXES TO BE ABATED.

Fida Bouchard, 21, Apr. 28, 1915,	\$ 3.00
Benjamin Barker, paid in Crystal,	4.30
William Barrow, unknown,	3.00
Roy Barton, 21, Oct. 8, 1914,	3.00
John Duncan, paid in Linneus,	3.00
Leo Dwyer, left 2 years ago,	3.00
Jerry Daley, unknown,	3.00
Joe Foster, residence, Bangor,	3.00
William Hanning, residence unknown,	3.00
Niles Hanning, residence unknown,	3.00
Menus John, gone before May 18,	3.00
Sahon Kochigan, gone before May 18,	3.00
Willie Leavitt, paid in Oakfield,	3.00
Peter Lizott, unknown,	3.00
Ed. McKeeman, residence not here,	3.00
John Myers, left before May 18,	3.00
E. N. Nickerson, left before May 18,	3.00
F. W. Pomeroy, overtax on auto,	3.75
A. Potosian, gone before May 18,	3.00
Jas. Penchuka, gone before May 18,	3.00
M. Severian, drawing school money,	3.00
John Seroup, drawing school money,	3.00
Ghas. Shavaia, gone before May 18,	3.00
Frank Shatadons, unknown,	3.00
John H. Thorne, mistake on poll tax,	3.00
George Tidd, paid in Millinocket,	3.00
James W. Farrar,	24.37
Total,	\$104.42

Report of the Town Treasurer

B. C. WALKER

DR.

To Balance,	\$1,060.66
Amount received for tuition,	444.50
Houlton Trust Co., loan,	2,000.00
N. W. Coburn, pool table,	10.00
McMann & Bliss, pool table,	10.00
Herbert Moore, tax 1913,	3.00
Mattawamkeag Lumber Co., gift to town,	250.00
J. H. Lurvey, Collector,	17,109.94
S. C. Spratt, hay from cemetery,	5.00
State Equalization Fund,	225.00
Dog licenses refund,	22.99
State, account Free High School,	500.00
“ “ State Road,	1.16
“ Highway Dept.,	20.18
“ account Common Schools,	1,131.31
“ “ Mill tax,	2,084.94
“ “ Soldiers' pensions,	60.00
“ “ R. R. and Tel. tax,	273.92
Town of Crystal, supplies,	13.39
“ “ Sherman, “	7.82
Tax deed from J. H. Lurvey,	135.31
Dog licenses,	35.00
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	\$25,404.12

CR.

By paid Discount, town note,	\$ 10.00
Houlton Trust Co., loan,	2,000.00
State pension,	60.00
County tax,	518.89
State tax,	2,035.56
Dog tax,	35.00
Dog license deficiency,	3.00
Interest on town orders,	80.60
Town orders,	17,684.71
By Cash balance on hand,	2,976.36
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	\$25,404.12

I have examined such accounts as are balanced for the year 1914-15, and find bills, receipts or vouchers for all orders drawn.

S. R. CRABTREE,

Auditor.

Report of
School Committee
and
Superintendent of Schools

Common Schools.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation,	\$1,900.00
State, mill fund,	2,084.94
State, common school fund,	1,131.31
State, equalization fund,	225.00
Interest on school fund, note,	144.00
Tuition, Dyer Brook,	23.50
Hersey,	29.00
Carl Miller,	9.50
Crystal,	14.00
Simeon Bell,	1.75
	<hr/> \$5,563.00

EXPENDED.

Paid teachers, spring term:	
Ethel Boynton,	\$162.00
Bernice McElwee,	132.00
Della Ackerson,	120.00

Essie Wood,	120.00
Lulu Mayo,	125.00
Maude Morse,	120.00
Damaris Merriman,	110.00
Abbie Reed,	50.00
Lenora Nelder,	110.00
	<hr/> \$1,049.00

Paid teachers, fall term:

Ethel Boynton,	\$210.00
Julia Hews,	196.00
Geneva Little,	196.00
Essie Wood,	182.00
Hazel Anne,	168.00
Maude Morse,	182.00
Damaris Merriman,	168.00
Abbie Reed,	70.00
Goldie Willis,	140.00
	<hr/> \$1,512.00

Paid teachers, winter term:

Ethel Boynton,	\$150.00
Julia Hews,	140.00
Geneva Little,	140.00
Essie Wood,	130.00
Hazel Anne,	120.00
Maude Morse,	130.00
Damaris Merriman,	120.00
Abbie Reed,	50.00
Goldie Willis,	100.00
	<hr/> \$1,080.00

Paid for fuel:

D. B. Nickerson,	\$ 50.62
Fred Dow,	2.75
Hollis Moore,	2.75
B. C. Walker,	104.16
Hugh Wing,	16.80
M. Alexander,	9.36
J. C. McArthur,	45.00
Emerson Lumber Co.,	53.40
Levi May,	137.50
	<hr/> \$422.34

Paid for janitor work

Mrs. C. O. Donham,	\$ 7.00
Mrs. L. K. Estabrooke,	56.00
Fred Dow,	7.15
Philip Daggett,	24.00
J. H. Lurvey,	254.00
	<hr/> \$348.15

Paid for conveyance:

C. R. Brown,	\$486.25
Clarence Gould,	495.00
Mrs. Mell Moore,	136.60
	<hr/> \$1,117.85
Unexpended, March, 1915,	33.66
	<hr/> \$5,563.00

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation,	\$400.00
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EXPENDED.

Paid:	
Allyn & Bacon,	\$ 21.45
Henry Holt & Co.,	5.59
D. Appleton & Co.,	27.21
McMillan Co.,	4.53
Benjamin Sanborn & Co.,	19.94
Ginn & Co.,	164.33
American Book Co.,	68.06
D. C. Heath & Co.,	40.14
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	8.76
Houghton, Mifflin Co.,	5.90
Atkinson, Mentzer & Co.,	4.54
Charles Scribner's Sons,	4.56
E. E. Babb & Co.,	22.89
Unexpended, 1915,	2.10
	<hr/> \$400.00

SCHOOL SUPPLIES ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation,	\$400.00
Received from Crystal,	13.39
Received from Sherman,	7.28
	<hr/> \$421.21

EXPENDED.

Paid:

S. R. Crabtree,	\$30.34
Island Falls Grange Store,	1.30
F. S. Alexander,	17.05
Underwood Typewriter Co.,	.50
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins,	17.10
L. E. Knott & Co.,	63.49
D. H. Knowlton Co.,	1.45
Mrs. Carrie Merriman,	1.00
Howard & Brown,	11.90
C. H. Robinson Co.,	3.00
A. R. Sanborn,	17.01
S. R. Crabtree, insurance,	90.00
M. D. Estes,	4.19
J. L. Hammett,	8.67
Leslie E. Jones,	4.75
Phonographic Inst. Co.,	6.45
Loring, Short & Harmon,	3.60
Smith & Sale,	4.50
Walker, Emerson Co.,	10.74
H. T. Goss & Co.,	2.70
Milton Bradley,	21.59
Berry Bros.,	7.40
E. E. Babb & Co.,	2.62
American Book Co.,	9.42
C. M. Berry,	38.34
M. D. Estes,	1.35
Mattawamkeag Lumber Co.,	8.28
Silver, Burdett Co.,	9.68
Island Falls Grange Store,	16.72
Unexpended, March, 1915,	6.07
	<hr/> \$421.21

REPAIR ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

Appropriation, town,	\$100.00	
Paint account,	125.00	
Unexpended, 1914,	50.85	
	<hr/>	\$275.85

EXPENDED.

Paid:		
D. H. Brown,	\$20.00	
J. H. Lurvey,	1.00	
Robert Brown,	10.00	
Mrs. McFarland,	3.00	
Frank Harville,	3.00	
John Hartin,	7.50	
Preston Lurvey,	1.25	
Pearl Gerow,	.50	
W. F. Estabrook,	12.50	
F. E. Libby,	11.15	
M. D. Estes,	10.00	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins,	74.55	
J. L. Brown,	2.50	
F. W. Hunt & Co.,	4.55	
G. T. Lord,	2.00	
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	90.65	
J. McCue,	6.00	
C. W. Munson,	3.00	
Berry Bros.,	2.20	
Chandler & Baker,	10.10	
Unexpended, March, 1915,	.40	
	<hr/>	\$275.85

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

Appropriation, town,	\$1,800.00
State,	500.00
Tuition, Smyrna,	54.00
State (omitted for 1914 report),	17.50
Dyer Brook,	36.00
Oakfield,	60.75
Frank Lane,	9.00
Charles Bryant,	9.00
Troy,	45.00
Florence Springer,	27.00
Crystal,	99.00
Merrill Plantation,	18.00
Hersey,	27.00
	<hr/> \$2,702.25

EXPENDED.

Paid teachers, spring term:

C. I. Chatto,	\$333.41
Mildred Goudy,	183.28
Edith Smith,	168.00
	<hr/> \$684.69

Paid teachers, fall term:

H. W. Dunn,	\$544.42
Wilhelmina Noyes,	252.77
Nellie Smyth,	213.85
	<hr/> \$1,011.04

Paid teachers, winter term:

H. W. Dunn,	\$388.87
Wilhelmina Noyes,	180.55
Nellie Smyth,	152.77
	<hr/> \$722.19

Paid for fuel:

B. C. Walker,	\$34.72
Hugh Wing,	5.60
W. Alexander,	3.14
J. C. McArthur,	16.00
Emerson Lumber Co.,	17.80
Levi May,	50.00
	<hr/> \$127.26

Paid janitor:

J. H. Lurvey,	\$84.75
Unexpended balance, 1915,	72.32
	<hr/> \$2,702.25

HIGH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Whole number registered, spring term,	63
Whole number registered, fall and winter terms,	77
Whole number registered, fall term,	70
Whole number registered, winter term,	70
Number pursuing college course,	31
Number pursuing commercial course,	19
Number pursuing English course,	27
Number in Freshman class, boys 15, girls 15,	30
Number in Sophomore class, boys 9, girls 14,	23
Number in Junior class, boys 4, girls 5,	9
Number in Senior class, boys 6, girls 9,	15
Number of resident students, fall and winter,	59
Number of non-resident students, fall and winter,	18
Number in the graduating class, 1914,	14

To the Citizens of Island Falls:

In presenting this report we wish to assure you that we have not attempted to do many new things in our schools for the past year, but rather to do the regular work under the best possible conditions.

The work of the spring term was a continuation of that of the two preceding terms except one less teacher was employed. The fall term opened with several new teachers, including an entirely new teaching force in the High School and four new teachers in the common schools. The utmost care was taken in the selection of teachers and in some cases we were obliged to pay increased salaries to secure the class we needed. We are able to report an exceptionally strong teaching force who are doing excellent work. Before you accept as true unfavorable criticisms concerning our schools, circulated by irresponsible or prejudiced persons, we ask you to accept our cordial invitation to come and see.

We found it difficult to keep within the appropriations and meet the needed school expenses. The repairs account did not include any expense for the sewer but we found it necessary to expend more than \$125 for this purpose; so we applied the money raised for painting the school building to sewer repairs and deferred the painting. There are no overdrafts in the school department this year and we have paid for wood from the high school and common school appropriations \$549.60, or approximately enough to purchase two hundred face cords which are more than we average to buy a year.

We recommend that the unfinished room in the new building be completed this year. If there is a continued increase of scholars the teaching force will need to be enlarged in the very near future and the room may be needed when there is not sufficient time to complete it. In cold weather it is difficult to heat it for the childrens' lunch room and besides so much cold is admitted to the other rooms on the same side of the building, through the cracks in this room, that it is hard to heat then sufficiently for the comfort of the children. It also causes waste of wood as it takes more fuel for the one furnace heating these rooms than for all the remaining furnaces in the building.

We recommend that one building be painted this year.

We have tried to do a little along the line of manual training, giving the scholars in the lower grades hand work such as paper cutting and folding, sewing, weaving, construction and raffia work. With a few tools purchased, the boys, under the instruction of Mr. Dunn, have made a few things including a reading table, a manual training bench, a few small articles and have done a little repairing. We hope the course can be extended so as to make it more practical without much increase in cost.

Our school library is on the increase, containing now over four hundred volumes not including a new complete set of International Encyclopedias recently purchased and about thirty books that have been bought for the third grade room. More books will be added the spring term. The expense of the library books is met by the efforts of the teachers and scholars and the gifts of friends.

Our High School is growing. Two years ago there was a total registration of fifty students, last year sixty-four and

this year seventy-seven including more tuition scholars than ever before. The outlook is that there will be but few if any more next year, but judging by the number in the grades we may expect it will soon reach the hundred mark when additional facilities will be needed.

We would like to call your attention to what the graduating class of last year are doing. One is in Presque Isle Normal School, two are teaching successfully, one is employed at Millinockett, four in University of Maine, two in Bates College, one in Business College, one in Simmons College, one in Boston University, and one in Sargent School, Boston, while one of the class of 1913 entered the University of Maine this year. Every one of them attending these schools has been able not only to do the required work satisfactorially but in some cases have attained a sufficiently high rank to have their names placed on the "Honor Roll."

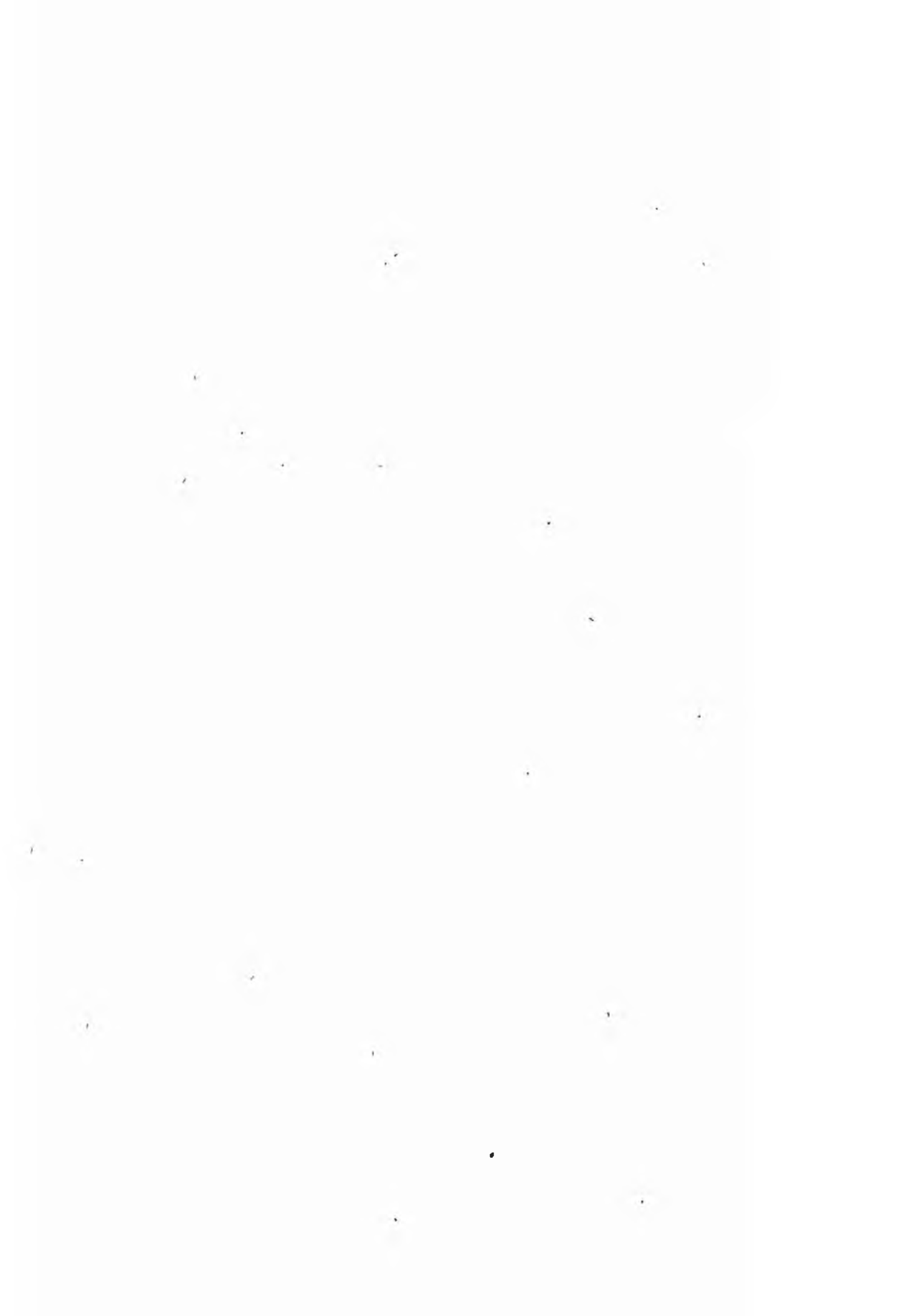
It has been the earnest endeavor of those in charge of the schools to have them reach such a standard that the students going out from them, whether into higher institutions of learning or into the various activities of vocational life, can honestly be entitled to have their names written on the "Honor Roll."

Respectfully submitted,

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